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メタルバック

— METAL · BACK —

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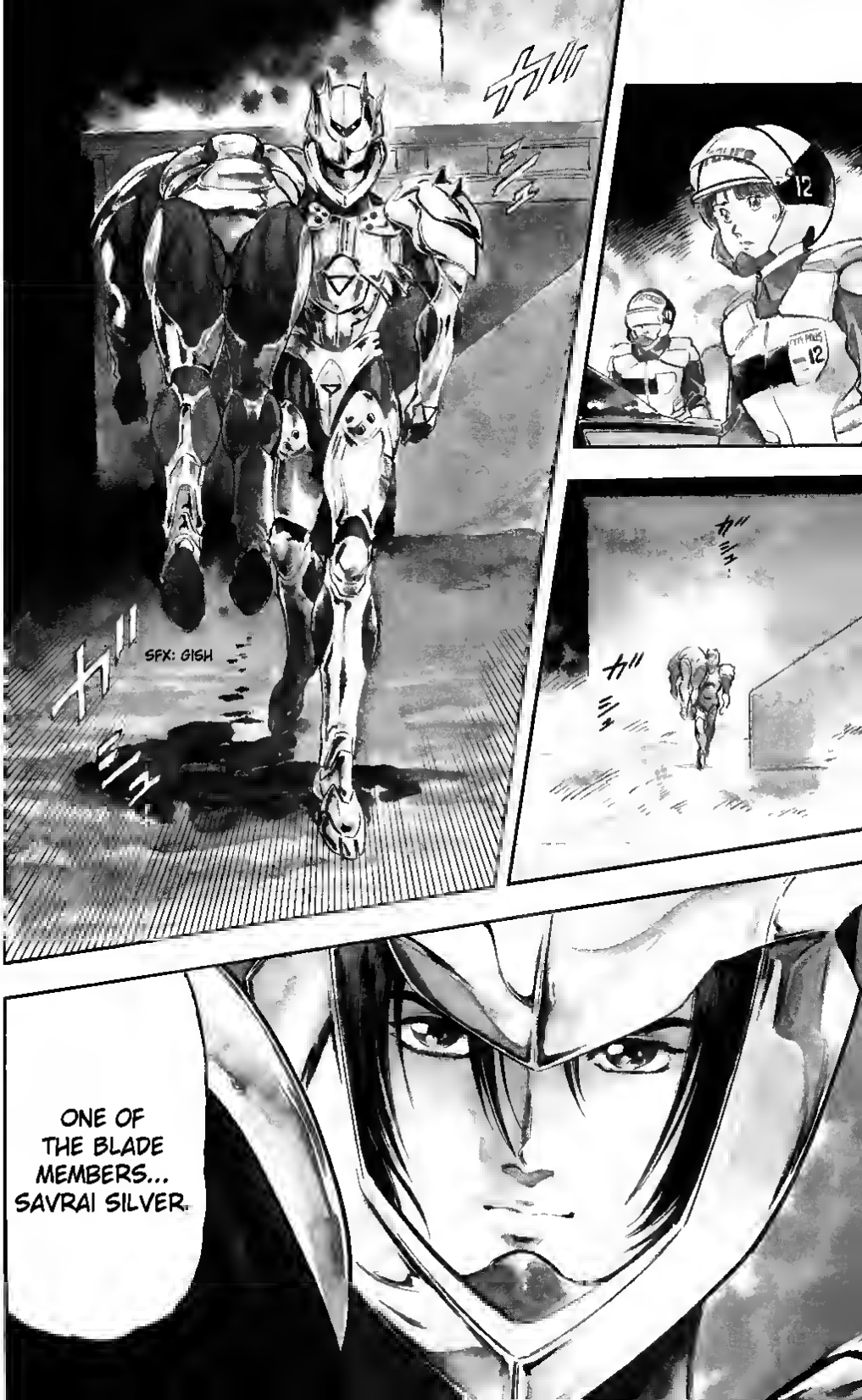
SFX: CHIK
A HIGH SPEED TYPE?!
SFX: FWOO
SFX: SHOO

SFX: WHAM
SFX: GYAH
SFX: TWITCH
SFX: SMACK


SFX: GISH
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ONE OF THE BLADE MEMBERS... SAVRAI SILVER.

A METAL BACK...
I CUT OFF ONE OF HIS ARMS, BUT THE INJURY SHOULDN'T BE FATAL.
I NEED A SIGNATURE PROVING THAT I CAPTURED HIM ALIVE.
WHO'S IN CHARGE HERE?
THE CHIEF... BUT HE'S GONE.
!
CITY POLICE
12
SO HE'S GOING TO GET THE MURDER OF A POLICE OFFICER ADDED TO HIS RECORD, EH?
HEH... I REALLY CAUGHT A BIG FISH THIS TIME!
SFX: SLAP

!
LISA LITHGOW...
SFX: HEH
!
YOU MAKE ME SICK, METAL BACK!

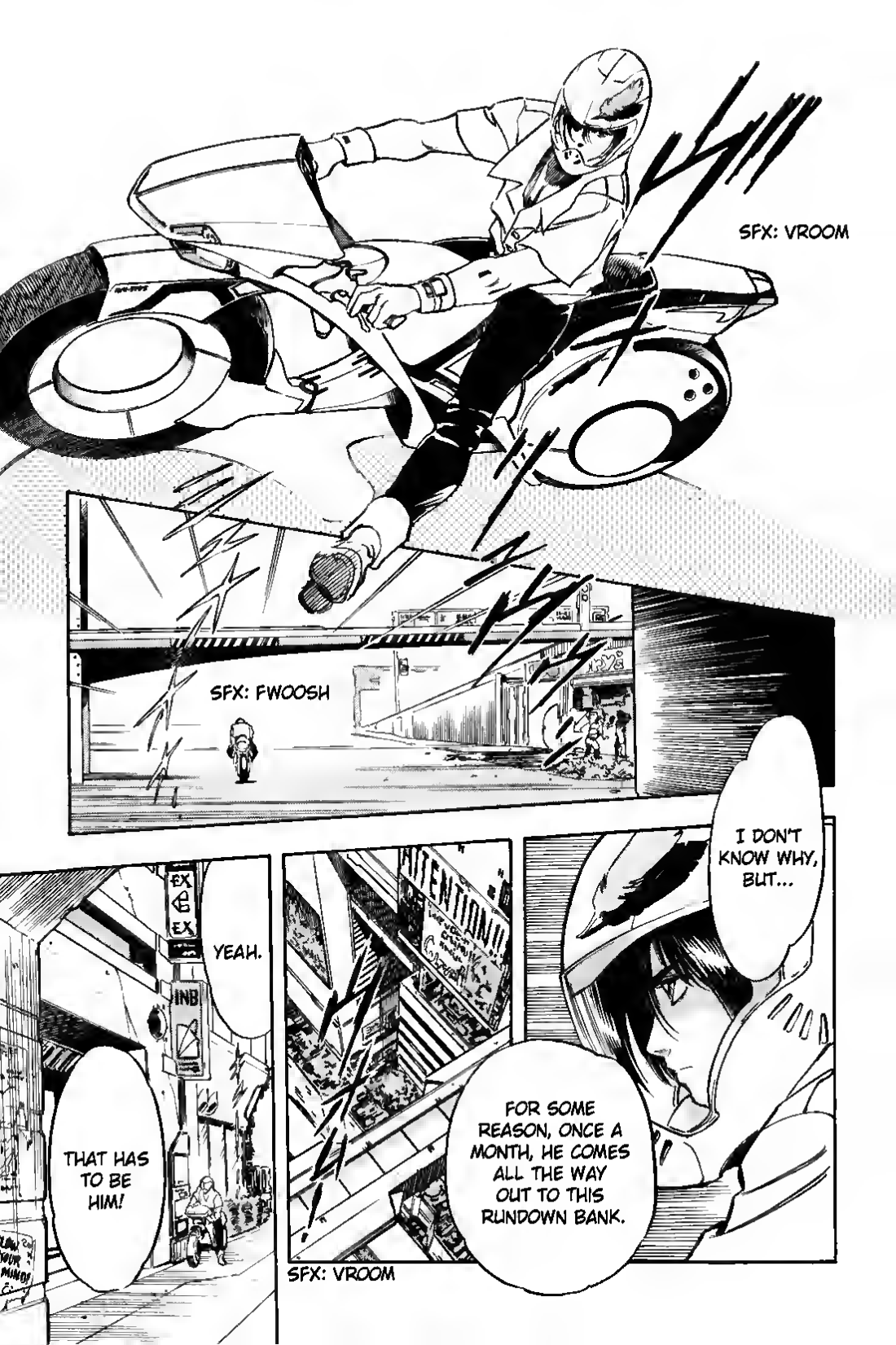
THE RESULTS OF THE WAR, IN WHICH THE ENEMY WAS MERCILESSLY OBLITERATED, DID LITTLE TO MAKE THE SOLDIERS INTO NATIONAL HEROES.
AFTER PEACE WAS RESTORED, THE PEOPLE ON THE HOME FRONT DIDN'T WELCOME THE METAL BACKS HOME WITH OPEN ARMS...
AND SO, DISSATISFIED BY WHAT THEY HAD BECOME, MANY OF THE SOLDIERS' MINDS SLOWLY WARPED, CHANGING THEM INTO A GROUP THAT NOW THREATENED THE VERY SOCIETY THEY HAD WORKED TO PROTECT.
BUILT FOR WAR, THIS GROUP OF SUPERHUMAN SOLDIERS QUICKLY SPLIT IN TWO -- ONE HALF WAS BENT ON TRAMPLING SOCIETY, WHILE THE OTHER HALF MADE THEIR LIVINGS BY HUNTING THEM DOWN.
ALL IN ORDER TO SURVIVE AS SOLDIERS IN A PEACEFUL WORLD...

METAL BACK -- THAT WAS THE NAME OF THESE SOLDIERS WHO HAD FAILED TO BECOME TRUE HEROES...
HE'S DONE FOR...
IT CUT STRAIGHT THROUGH THE PLATE IN HIS BACK!
SOMEONE NEEDS TO PUT CORPORAL LITHGOW AT PEACE!
AT THIS RATE, HE'LL JUST KEEP SUFFERING UNTIL HE DIES!
UN-55

IN THAT CASE, IT'D BE BEST JUST TO LOP HIS HEAD OFF IN ONE CLEAN SWIPE, SERGEANT GROSS...
HMPH... IN THAT CASE, WE'D BETTER GET ONE OF THE HIGH-SPEED TYPES TO TAKE CARE OF IT.
UN-55

DO IT!
AND MAKE IT SNAPPY!
KILL HIM!
YOU HAVE TO KILL HIM, SILVER!
SILVER!

YOU HAVE RECEIVED A REWARD PAYMENT FROM THE BLADE MEMBERS.
6 PAYMENTS FOR A TOTAL OF 28,000 ND.
SFX: FSSH
*1 ND (NEODOLLAR) = 100 YEN
.....
THE SAME DREAM AGAIN...
DEPOSIT 20,000 OF IT INTO JOHN LITHGOW'S ACCOUNT AT THE INB AS USUAL.
YES, SIR.
THE DEPOSIT HAS BEEN MADE.
CHEMICAL BATH
SFX: SCREECH


SFX: VROOM
SFX: FWOOSH
I DON'T KNOW WHY, BUT...
ATTENTION!!
FOR SOME REASON, ONCE A MONTH, HE COMES ALL THE WAY OUT TO THIS RUNDOWN BANK.
SFX: VROOM
EX
EX
INB
YEAH.
THAT HAS TO BE HIM!

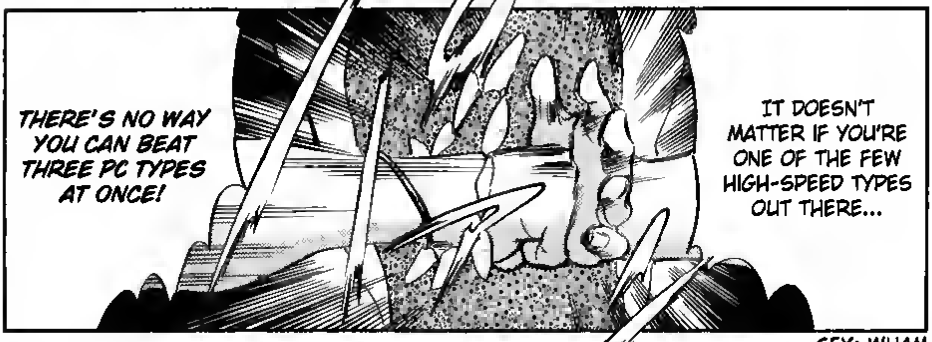
MANGA
REBORN

I.N.B
PLEASE SEND 20,000 YEN FROM JOHN LITHGOW'S ACCOUNT TO THE SAUCEPAN CHILDREN'S HOME AT D6.423.
YES, SIR.
WHAT DO YOU SAY WE GO HAVE A LITTLE CHAT WITH HIM?!
!
SO YOU COUNT YOUR GAINS AND LOSSES IN A PLACE LIKE THIS, HUH? SAVRAI SILVER!
THE MEMBERS ...
THAT'S RIGHT!
SFX: WHAM

SFX: FWICK
GO AND FIND SOMEONE ELSE WHO'LL LISTEN TO YOUR PETTY WHINING!
HEH... YOU KNOW WHAT THEY SAY - THE EARLY BIRD GETS THE WORM.
KEEP YOUR
AND WE'RE GETTING A LITTLE SICK OF YOU CAUSING PROBLEMS IN OUR TURF!
ズ!
HOLD ON!
WHAT'D YOU SAY!?

LETTING YOU PICK OFF ALL THE FIRST OFFENDERS ONE AFTER ANOTHER IS MAKING OUR WORK A LOT HARDER, YOU KNOW THAT?
TAKING THEM IN ALIVE GETS YOU AROUND 4~5,000 ND.
AND IF THEY'RE WANTED, THEN YOU GET 10,000, EVEN IF YOU END UP KILLING THEM!
AND IF YOU TAKE THEM IN ALIVE, YOU GET ENOUGH TO LIVE ON FOR A COUPLE OF MONTHS!
FUFU FU...
DON'T WORRY, WE'RE NOT GOING TO DO ANYTHING TO YOU.
WE JUST WANT TO FIGURE OUT A WAY WHERE WE CAN BOTH WORK COMFORTABLY IN THE SAME ZONE. THAT'S ALL!
WELL? HOW ABOUT JOINING UP WITH US SO WE CAN ALL LIVE A LITTLE EASIER?

GO FIND SOMEONE ELSE... I DON'T LIKE HUNTING WITH PEOPLE LIKE YOU.
HEHEHE... SO THAT'S YOUR ANSWER, HUH?


THERE'S NO WAY YOU CAN BEAT THREE PC TYPES AT ONCE!
IT DOESN'T MATTER IF YOU'RE ONE OF THE FEW HIGH-SPEED TYPES OUT THERE...

SFX: WHAM

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BEEP
THE DEPOSIT HAS BEEN MADE.
20,000 ND HAVE BEEN SENT TO THE SAUCEPAN CHILDREN'S HOME AT D6.423.
THANK YOU
I.N.B
SFX: BEEP
SFX: HAHAHA
JUST PRAY THAT YOU DON'T MEET US ON YOUR NEXT JOB!
WE MAY MISTAKE YOU FOR A TARGET AND KILL YOU INSTEAD!
SFX: HEE HEE HEE
SFX: GYAAAAH

HYUUUUIIEE!
A CASH TRANSPORT HAS BEEN ATTACKED IN AREA C11!
SFX: CRACK
THE ATTACKER IS A PC EXCEPTION WHO HAS A SPECIAL WARRANT OUT FOR HIS ARREST!
SFX. TOSS

SFX: FAAAAUH
HE APPEARS TO BE TRYING TO ESCAPE INTO THE GREY ZONE!
A SPECIAL REQUEST HAS BEEN SENT FROM THE POLICE TO THE BLADE MEMBERS ASKING FOR HIS IMMEDIATE CAPTURE!
SFX: SHOOO ..
!
ENEMY

SFX: CRACK
SFX: WHOOSH
SFX: GSHOO

HEHE.
I KNEW YOU'D COME EVENTUALLY!
SFX: WHOOSH
SFX: VWOOM
SFX: WHAM
!
NICE TRY!!

GUAAH!
SFX: WHOOM
THIS PC SUIT HAS BEEN MODDED TO MOVE AS FAST AS ALL HIGH-SPEED TYPES!
SFX: CLANG
DO YOU UNDER-STAND WHAT THIS MEANS?
YOU CAN'T POSSIBLY DEFEAT ME!
!
SAVRAI SILVER!

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YOU SON OF A BITCH...
SFX: HEHEHE...
OR SHOULD I SAY... YOU ALLY-MURDERING METAL BACK!!
SFX: FWOOSH
HAHAHAHA HAHAHAHA HAHAHAHA!
SFX: WHAM
SFX: GCHOO
SFX: SPLURT

SFX: GCCH
HEHEHEH... HIGH-SPEED TYPES ALWAYS HAVE SUCH BRITTLE ARMOR!
MAYBE I'LL JUST STOMP YOU TO DEATH?
SFX CRACK
GUOH ...!
SFX: SNAP
!

SFX: WHAM
!?
HE LET HIS OWN ARM...
SFX: FSSSH

SFX: FWOOSH
HAH... YOU THINK A LITTLE TRICK LIKE THAT WILL CHANGE ANYTHING?!
!!
SFX: FSHOO

SFX: TAP
HUH?
GGHH!
SFX: FWOOSH
SFX: CLANK

SFX. FWOOOOSH
!!
HOW IS HE MOVING SO FAST!?
TCH!!
HE...HE'S GOING TOO FAST!!!
SFX. FWOO
SFX. VWOOM

SFX: BOOM
SFX: WHAM
SFX: CRACK
UOHH!!

SFX: SMASH
SFX: CLINK
SFX: GRAB
WE FIGHT TO SURVIVE...
YOU AREN'T THE ONLY ONE WHO'S MODDED YOUR SUIT!

!
SERGEANT GROSS...!!
HEH...CAN YOU KILL ME, TOO?
JUST LIKE YOU LOPPED OFF LITHGOW'S HEAD...!

OPEN IT...
YOU HAVE AN E-MAIL IN YOUR POB.
SFX: POP
IT'S FROM LISA LITHGOW OF THE SAUCEPAN CHILDREN'S HOME.
SFX: CLICK
SFX: FWOOO
POB
SFX: FWOOO

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HELLO, PAPA...
THIS IS MY ELEVENTH MAIL TO YOU.
SFX: PUMP
ALL THE CHILDREN THE HOME ARE DOING VERY WELL.
IT'S ALL THANKS TO THE MONEY YOU SEND... BUT LATELY...
EVERYONE'S BEEN CHANGING A LITTLE...
WHEN WILL YOU COME BACK TO US?

メタル・バック 1

THE WAR...
IS STILL GOING...
CORPORAL LITHGOW...
PAPA...
.....
THE WAR'S OVER, SO WHY HAVEN'T YOU RETURNED YET?
POW
!!
.....
METAL BACKS -- THAT'S WHAT THE PEOPLE CALL THE SOLDIERS WHO FAILED TO BECOME HEROES...
JUST AS THE CURTAIN CLOSED ON THE FIRST HALF OF THE 21ST CENTURY.
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METAL BACK #1

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SFX: BEEP
HSOOHM
EMERGENCY CALL FROM AREA F5!
REPORTS OF A MUSEUM THEFT!
DON'T WORRY ABOUT THE HOME.
I THINK THIS IS MY TENTH LETTER TO YOU...
THE CHILDREN ARE ALL IN GOOD HEALTH.
SFX WHAP!
F5.. THAT'S CLOSE BY. I'LL TAKE CARE OF IT!
THE CRIMINAL IS A METAL BACK EQUIPPED WITH A POWER COMMANDO (PC) COMBAT SUIT!
Episode1 METAL BACK 1

AFTER THE VICTORLESS WAR, THE SOLDIERS WERE DISCHARGED, AND THEY EARNED A NICKNAME FROM THE PEOPLE...
SOLDIERS THAT EMBEDDED METAL PLATES INTO THEIR BACKS IN ORDER TO WEAR PC COMBAT SUITS: THEY'RE THE REMNANTS OF A LOCAL WAR THAT HAPPENED THROUGH THE FIRST HALF OF THE 21ST CENTURY...
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Episode 1 METAL BACK ①

メタル・バック
-METAL★BACK-
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PUT DOWN YOUR WEAPONS AND SURRENDER AT ONCE!
POLICE 12
YOU'RE COMPLETELY SURROUNDED!
METAL BACK!
SFX. BLAM
SFX. BABABAM

SFX: BLAMBLAMBLAM
HOW MUCH WAR DO YOU NEED TO CREATE BEFORE YOU'RE SATISFIED?! YOU METAL BACKS MAKE ME SICK!
THAT MANIAC... HE STOLE A MACHINE GUN FROM THE MUSEUM!
SFX: KRAK
SFX: BOOM BOOM
CHIEF!
GGH...!
SFX: KRAKRAKRAK
!?
SFX: BLAMBLAMBLAM

SFX: VWOOM
THE WALL TILE?!
SFX: KABOOM
SFX: BOOM